

## ENTENTE FORCES LOSE IN BALKANS

HEADS MEET  
WITH WILSON  
FOR DETAILS

Important Conferences To-  
day Forecast Early Set-  
tlement of Strike.

## DISCUSS EACH SIDE

Message Brought From Me-  
diation Board Cheering  
to Garretson.

Washington, Aug. 24.—After con-  
tinued conferences today between  
President Wilson and the select  
committee of railroad executives,  
the situation surrounding the  
threatened strike was described as  
having narrowed down to the fol-  
lowing:

The railroad presidents, at least  
the select committee of eight, are  
willing to accept the eight-hour  
day insisted upon by President  
Wilson and the trustees.

In return they ask that they be  
assured as fully as possible that all  
proper support be given and proper  
means be used to assure them a  
freight rate increase from the in-  
terstate commerce commission.

They also ask that congress create a  
permanent board or commission sim-  
ilar to the Canadian commission to  
handle future labor difficulties. A  
commission of this character would be  
empowered to investigate when labor  
troubles threaten and no strike could  
be called or strike vote taken pending  
its investigation, a full report of which  
would be made public at its conclusion.

At the end of the investigation arbi-  
tration would be suggested, but if not  
accepted, opportunity would be given  
the men to take a strike vote. The bal-  
loting would be secret.

These proposals were communicated  
today by Commissioner Chambers of  
the federal board of mediation to the  
representatives of the men, who ap-  
parently regarded them favorably.

Judge Chambers then reported to Presi-  
dent Wilson and a sub-committee of  
railroad executives was summoned to  
the White house.

President Wilson is understood to  
feel some sympathy for the counter  
demands of the railroads and is not  
averse to having the men accept them.  
It is expected, however, that a vote of  
the 440 labor representatives here must  
first be taken.

Conferences Continue.  
Meantime the executives will con-  
tinue their conferences.

After conferences with representa-  
tives of the employees and employers,  
Commissioner Chambers of the fed-  
eral mediation board discussed the  
strike situation with President Wilson  
and made arrangements for a group of  
the railroad presidents to see him im-  
mediately. There were indications  
that a settlement of the dispute was  
in sight.

Hale Holden of the Burlington, Dan-  
iel W. R. of the Baltimore & Ohio  
and R. S. Lovett of the Union Pacific,  
sub-committee members, have been  
dealing with the president for the last  
two days, arrived at the White house  
before 1 o'clock and refused to make  
any statement before seeing the presi-  
dent.

After the conference it was said the  
outlook was "more hopeful if any-  
thing." The president sent for the ex-  
ecutives to acquaint them with the  
progress being made by him in deal-  
ing with the problems suggested at  
previous conferences.

Renewed optimism on prospects for  
averting the threatened railway strike  
prevailed today among representatives  
of the employees and at the White  
house.

Commissioner Chambers of the fed-  
eral mediation board, after confer-  
ring with President Wilson, carried a mes-  
sage to the brotherhood leaders. It  
was supposed to be some form of a  
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DRILL INTO SAFE,  
FOUND CASH GONE

Chicago, Aug. 24.—After drilling in-  
to the safety deposit box of Max Sil-  
ber, missing private banker, the re-  
sult late yesterday found only a  
hand full of old silver coins and three  
mutilated dollar bills. The \$87,000  
which disappeared with the banker is  
still missing.

ZEP VISITOR DROPS  
BOMBS ON BRITISH

London, Aug. 24.—The east coast of  
England was visited again last night  
by a hostile airship. A British official  
statement says:  
"A hostile airship crossed the east  
coast shortly before midnight last  
night. A number of incendiary and  
some high explosive bombs were drop-  
ped in open fields. No damage nor  
casualties are reported. The airship  
went to sea again early this morning."

Cairo Shakes  
From Heavy  
Earth Shocks

Cairo, Ill., Aug. 24.—Cairo was shaken  
by earthquake shortly after 5  
o'clock this morning. So far as known  
there was no damage.

The direction of the shock was  
northeast-southwest. A low rumbling  
sound accompanied the tremor.  
An earthquake shock was felt here  
May 21.

The earthquake was felt far up the  
Mississippi valley. Two shocks were  
felt at Payville at 3 o'clock this morn-  
ing and at 4:30 a. m. three more were  
felt at Thebes.

NAVAL SERVICE  
GAINS MEMBERS

Twenty Per Cent Increase Over Last  
Year Is Report From Navy  
Department.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The strength  
of the organized naval militia in-  
creased approximately 20 per cent during  
the last fiscal year, the navy depart-  
ment announced today, the force now  
totaling 9,300 men and 700 officers.

New divisions, marine companies  
and aeronautic sections have been or-  
ganized in Hawaii, Illinois, Florida,  
New York, Texas and Washington.  
Other new divisions are being formed  
but have not yet been mustered in.  
Aeronautic sections also have been  
created in the existing organizations  
of New York, New Jersey, California,  
Massachusetts, Ohio and Rhode Is-  
land, the majority of which are now  
equipped with their own machines.

The naval appropriation bill which  
President Wilson was to sign today  
contains numerous provisions designed  
to popularize the naval militia ser-  
vice and department officials expect a  
marked increase in the efficiency and  
numbers of the militia force as soon  
as these provisions become effective.

SWEDEN RESENTS  
RUSSIAN ACTION

Berlin, Aug. 24. (by wireless to  
Sayville).—The capture of the Ger-  
man steamship Desterro, with a cargo  
of iron ore, was made by a Russian  
submarine flying the Swedish flag, says  
the Overseas News agency. Dis-  
patches from Stockholm say the Des-  
terro was seized in Swedish territorial  
waters, having on board a Swedish  
pilot who has now returned to Hap-  
aranda. The vessel was taken into  
Raumo, Finland.

"This flagrant violation of Swedish  
neutrality," the news agency says,  
"has produced excitement in Sweden  
and embittered the feeling of the  
people."

KING LUDWIG III  
AT DOOR OF DEATH

Paris, Aug. 24. (5:30 a. m.)—King  
Ludwig III. of Bavaria has been  
stricken with apoplexy and his con-  
dition is grave according to a report  
from Switzerland, says a Rome dis-  
patch to the Petit Parisien.

## THE WAR TODAY

Berlin dispatches indicate that  
Rumania's attitude still is consid-  
ered by the central powers as de-  
cidedly uncertain.

Activity on the Somme front in  
northern France seems to have  
slackened momentarily, although  
the artillery is still being vigor-  
ously employed.

Constantinople reports Russian  
pressure in considerable strength  
in southern Turkish Armenia, but  
declares the Russians failed to ad-  
vance and suffered heavily in  
casualties.

The allied offensive in the Bal-  
kans is developing added impetus,  
today's advices indicate.

Serbia reports the Serbians on  
the aggressive on the mountain  
ridge along the western end of the  
front, northwest of Ostrovo lake,  
on the allies left flank.

The entente center has been sub-  
jected to attacks which Paris says  
have been easily repulsed. The  
entente artillery is active in the  
Lake Doiran region.

Interest today is centered on the  
new allied offensive on the Sal-  
oniki front. The Bulgarians have  
advanced along the Struma valley  
and are now facing the Serbians.  
No action of first importance has  
yet been reported, however.

Dispatches tell of the determi-  
nation of the Greek commander at  
Serres to resist the Bulgarians and  
of volunteers being organized for  
his assistance by the Venizelos  
leaders at Saloniki.

On the western front the British  
and Germans are fighting desper-  
ately around Thiepval and Guillemont.

In the Verdun sector the French  
claim to have made an advance be-  
tween Fleury and Thiaumont.

The Russians and Germans both  
claim the capture of positions near  
Jablontza pass, where a violent  
battle is in progress on the crest  
of the Carpathians. Berlin also  
claims that the Germans repulsed  
Russian attempts to cross the  
Stockholm.

SUB FREIGHT  
SHIP ELUDES  
JOHNNY BULL

German U-Boat Deutschland  
Reached Home Port  
in Safety.

## VOYAGE 42,000 MILES

London Advices Corroborate  
Associated Press Story of  
Arrival at Bremen.

London, Aug. 24. (1:05 p. m.)—Re-  
ports of the return of the German sub-  
marine Deutschland from the United  
States are corroborated in a telegram  
received at Amsterdam from Bremen,  
as forwarded by Reuters' correspond-  
ent. According to this information the  
Deutschland traveled 42,000 miles on  
her homeward voyage. At the begin-  
ning the sea was tempestuous, but  
later it became more calm. The  
Deutschland's engines worked fault-  
lessly. No icebergs were passed on  
the journey.

The American government, says the  
dispatch, acted in a correct manner as  
a neutral, rigorously enforcing respect  
for its frontier from British and  
French warships by the employment  
of its own men of war. After a British  
cruiser entered Chesapeake bay at  
night, even more effective measures  
were taken to enforce neutrality.

No less than eight British warships,  
it is said, were on the alert, surround-  
ed by numerous small American ves-  
sels which had been chartered for the  
purpose of placing nets and obtaining  
information as to the movements of  
the Deutschland. Nevertheless the  
submarine succeeded in leaving unde-  
tected. A distance of 100 miles was  
traversed under water without diffi-  
culty.

Ship Eludes Johnny Bull.  
The Deutschland returned home  
slightly damaged, according to an Ex-  
change Telegraph dispatch from The  
Hague, which says this information is  
contained in a telegram from Bremen.

The members of the crew were unwill-  
ing, it adds, to give details of the  
turn voyage. The arrival of the sub-  
marine surprised her owners, as she  
was not expected to dock within a  
week.

Captain Koenig Guest of Kaiser.  
The departure for America a week  
ago of the German submarine Bremen  
is reported in a dispatch from Bremen  
as forwarded from The Hague by the  
Exchange Telegraph company. It is  
said the owners of the Deutschland  
and the Bremen received word seven  
days ago of the progress being made  
by the Deutschland on her return voy-  
age and that it was not until they had  
obtained this information that they  
permitted the Bremen to depart.

The Deutschland took the same  
route on both her voyages, the dis-  
patch says, returning to Germany by  
the North sea.

Captain Paul Koenig of the Deutsch-  
land is being feted as a national hero  
and has been summoned to Emperor  
William's headquarters to report on  
his voyage.

The Vossische Zeitung publishes an  
interview with Captain Paul Koenig of  
the Deutschland, who expresses appre-  
ciation of the attitude of the United  
States government in taking every  
necessary measure to prevent viola-  
tion of neutrality in connection with  
the departure of the submarine.

Crew To Be Decorated.  
Amsterdam, Aug. 24. (via London,  
3:45 p. m.)—A dispatch today from  
Berlin says Emperor William has sent  
the following telegram to the owners  
of the submarine Deutschland:  
"With sincere pleasure I have just  
received news of the safe return of the  
submarine liner Deutschland. I heartily  
congratulate the owners and build-  
ers of the vessel and the brave seamen  
under Koenig's command."

The message also expresses the in-  
tention of the emperor to bestow de-  
corations on members of the Deutsch-  
land's personnel.

WOMAN FUGITIVE  
CAUGHT IN ILLINOIS

Danville, Ill., Aug. 24.—Mrs. Erba  
Gambos, alias Ella White, wanted in  
Columbus, Ohio, for violating the pos-  
tal laws, was held in \$500 bond to-  
day by United States Commissioner  
Draper. She could not give bond  
and will be taken to Columbus tonight  
for trial. The woman is charged with  
writing George Schauf, a wealthy resi-  
dent of Columbus, that she would mar-  
ry him if he would send her \$100 to  
pay funeral expenses of a former hus-  
band. Schauf sent the money and that  
was the last seen of the woman until  
she was arrested in Champaign, Ill.,  
yesterday and brought here last night.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity

Fair tonight and Friday; slightly  
cooler Friday.  
Highest temperature yesterday, 84;  
lowest last night, 64; at 7 a. m. today,  
66.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., six miles  
an hour.  
Humidity at 7 p. m. 42; at 7 a. m. 69.  
at 1 o'clock today, 30.  
Stage of water 3.6 feet, with a fall of  
1.4 of a foot in the last 24 hours.  
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.  
Met at 11 a. m.  
Conference report on amend-  
ments to federal reserve act sub-  
mitted.

Debate resumed on emergency  
bill.

HOUSE.  
Not in session; meets Friday.

"AND BOTH OF YOU REMEMBER THAT I REPRESENT 99,600,000 PEOPLE"

SPECIAL SESSION  
ILLINOIS SOLONS

Governor Dunne Has Asked Legisla-  
ture Members if They Will At-  
tend and Vote.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 24.—Governor  
Edward F. Dunne, who arrived last  
night from an inspection of Illinois  
guardmen on the border, today sent  
telegrams to the 204 members of the  
Illinois general assembly asking them  
if they would attend a special session  
of the legislature and vote for a bill  
permitting the guardmen to vote in the  
September primaries and the No-  
vember general election.

An immediate reply to the telegram  
was requested and the governor ex-  
pects by tomorrow night to have suffi-  
cient answers to determine what the  
opinion of the members of the legisla-  
ture regarding the proposed special  
session.

"I am in favor of the session if I can  
be assured that the members will at-  
tend," said Governor Dunne. "I do not  
propose to spend the state's money  
without accomplishing anything. The  
soldiers on the border should be per-  
mitted to vote."

The cost of a special session will be  
about \$20,000. There are 10,000 Illi-  
nois soldiers in Texas, and at this  
rate the legislation permitting the men  
to vote will cost the state about \$2 per  
soldier.

The governor said he favors some  
method of having the soldiers vote by  
mail. His telegram specifically asks  
the legislators if they will "favor a  
bill permitting members of the na-  
tional guard in Texas to vote by mail  
in primary election."

The proposed bill would be an emer-  
gency measure and its passage would  
require a two-thirds vote, or 135  
votes.

Governor Dunne states he will not  
call the special session unless he can  
get at least this many legislators to  
say they will attend and vote for the  
measure.

The condition of the Illinois soldiers  
and their care are the very best, the  
governor stated today after his 10-day  
stay in Texas. He believes that com-  
plaints about poor food and hard  
treatment are unfounded.

VILLA DEFEATED  
IS LATE ADVICE

General Pershing Wires That Bandit  
Chief Is Crushed and His Pres-  
tige Gone From Him.

Washington, Aug. 24.—In a tele-  
graph to the war department Brig-  
adier General Pershing reported that  
Francisco Villa, when last heard from,  
was making his way south into Duran-  
go with a small following, and that  
the opinion was general that his pres-  
tige was gone and that he never again  
could become a serious factor in Mex-  
ican affairs. General Pershing said  
that until recently Villa had been se-  
cured in the mountains of southern  
Chihuahua, where he was driven last  
April by American troops. Reports  
are current along the Chihuahua-Du-  
ran-go border that Villa was poisoned  
early in June by nurses who had been  
attending him.

Madrid, Spain, Aug. 24. (via Paris.)  
The recent note of the French gov-  
ernment to neutrals protesting against  
the treatment of the French inhabi-  
tants of Lille, Roubaix and Turcoing  
by the Germans will be the subject of  
serious study by Premier Romanones,  
so as to permit him to act according  
to strict neutrality, the premier states.  
The Spanish government also will  
consult other neutral nations regard-  
ing their attitude before giving  
France an answer, he adds.

Premier Romanones has already  
taken steps to learn the opinion of the  
American government as well as that  
of other neutrals on the matter.

IS BREMEN DUE  
FOR HUB PORT?

Denial Made That Shifting of Lloyd  
Liner Is to Make Room for  
U-Boat.

Boston, Aug. 24.—The North Ger-  
man Lloyd liner Willebad, which has  
been in refuge here since the outbreak  
of the war, slipped out of the harbor  
early today presumably for New  
London, Conn., for which port she ob-  
tained clearance papers last night.  
Officials of the line asserted the  
change was made to reduce docking  
charges and denied reports that there  
was any connection between the  
Willebad's movements and the ex-  
pected arrival of the German mer-  
chant submarine Bremen.

Victim of Tornado Dies at Omaha.  
Omaha, Aug. 24.—George L. Ham-  
mer, vice president of the Byrne-Ham-  
mer Dry Goods company, died here  
early today as the result of injuries  
received in the tornado which swept  
through Omaha March 23, 1913.

Treasure of  
Monks Goes  
to Invaders

Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 24. (via  
Paris, 10:15 a. m.)—The Austrians,  
according to a special dispatch from  
Innsbruck, have found the famous  
treasures of the Detschani monastery,  
near Cettinje, Montenegro, which the  
monks had buried upon the approach  
of the invaders. The accumulations  
were those of seven centuries, con-  
sisting of jewels, and old coin of every  
generation since the 13th century.  
golden vessels and richly embroidered  
vestments. The value of the whole ac-  
cumulation is estimated at several  
millions of pounds.

It is said, adds the dispatch, that a  
peasant betrayed to the Austrians the  
catacombs where the treasure was  
secreted.

FRENCH PROTEST  
ACT OF GERMANS

United States and Other Neutrals  
Sounded On Compulsory Work  
of Inhabitants.

Paris, Aug. 24.—What measures can  
be taken at the proper time against  
the emperor of Germany and other  
persons held to be answerable for  
compelling inhabitants of the invaded  
cities of northern France to work in  
the fields, and the immediate steps  
which France might take in behalf  
of these people, are questions to be raised  
in the approaching session of the  
chamber of deputies.

Deputy Roussion, in a letter to  
Premier Briand, in which he severely  
criticized the acts of the Germans to-  
ward the population of the invaded  
region, gave notice that he would in-  
terpellate the premier on these sub-  
jects.

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## LATEST BULLETINS

Amsterdam, Aug. 24. (via Lon-  
don, 4:30 p. m.)—Advices re-  
ceived here today from the Dutch Is-  
land of Ameland in the North sea  
say continual and heavy gun fir-  
ing from the north has been aud-  
ible all the morning.

Ottawa, Ill., Aug. 24.—Deputy  
sheriffs were hurried to La Salle,  
Ill., today, to investigate the riot-  
ing there last night between strik-  
ing cement workers and men  
guarding the cement mills' prop-  
erties.

Alton, Ill., Aug. 24.—Two thou-  
sand and glassblowers in the plant of  
the Illinois Glass company struck  
at midnight in order to effect the  
reinstatement of a discharged  
member of the union and for a  
wage increase.

London, Aug. 24. (5:10 p. m.)—  
An important advance in the cam-  
paign for the conquest of German  
East Africa is reported in a Renter  
dispatch from Nairobi, British  
East Africa.

London, Aug. 24. (4:05 p. m.)—  
An Exchange Telegraph dispatch  
from Copenhagen says Alfred  
Lohmann, head of the Ocean Nav-  
igation company, which owns the  
Bremen, asserts he has received a  
message from the submarine and  
that it will arrive in America in  
a few days.

London, Aug. 24. (2:50 p. m.)—  
At least five men were killed and many  
more injured at the plant of the  
National Foundry company here  
today as the result of the collapse  
of two heavy cranes.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 24.—Two  
highwaymen attempted to hold up  
Chief of Police Edward Jackson  
here last night. One of the men  
was shot by the chief in the strug-  
gle, but both got away.

Peoria, Ill., Aug. 24.—The con-  
dition of Archbishop John Lancel-  
ter Spalding, noted Catholic priest,  
who has been ill the last two  
weeks following an attack by the  
heat, was admittedly unfavorable  
today, according to his physicians.

BULGARS WIN  
OVER ALLIES,  
MANY KILLED

Entente Leave Hundreds of  
Dead and Lose Many  
Guns in Retreat.

## RUSSIANS HELD BACK

Scene of Battle on Carpa-  
thian Front Direct Route  
Into Bulgaria.

Berlin, Aug. 24. (by wireless to  
Sayville).—Defeat of the entente  
forces along the Struma river on the  
Macedonian front in northeast-  
ern Greece was announced by the  
Bulgarian war office in a statement  
issued yesterday at Sofia.

The statement says the entente  
forces took flight, leaving the  
ground covered with dead, and that  
up to the time the statement was  
issued the bodies of more than 400  
dead had been counted. Large  
quantities of ammunition and sup-  
plies, including eight machine  
guns, were captured by the Bul-  
garians.

Berlin, (via London, Aug. 24, 5:54  
p. m.)—The Bulgarians' attack is  
proceeding against the Serbian po-  
sitions near Lake Ostrovo on the  
Macedonian front. The war office  
report of today says the Bulgar-  
ians defeated Serbian counter at-  
tacks.

The Struma river follows an irregu-  
lar course through northeastern  
Greece, cutting across the open coun-  
try along the northern shore of the  
Aegean sea.

Bulgarian forces appeared in this re-  
gion last week and took up defensive  
positions along the river. They met  
with no opposition from the entente  
forces as this region is some distance  
east of the old battle line. Several  
Greek forts were occupied and the Bul-  
garians threw up entrenchments.

The importance of this line lies in  
the fact that it shuts off the allies from  
the easiest route into Bulgaria. If an  
invasion should be attempted and en-  
ables the Bulgarians to hold strong  
defensive positions behind the river.

Dispute Pass Into Hungary.  
Sharp fighting continues in the Carpa-  
thian regions where Austrian and  
German troops are disputing Russian  
attempts to advance through the  
passes into Hungary. In the Vienna  
report of Aug. 23 the German suc-  
cess north of Capul, where Russian po-  
sitions were taken and 200 prisoners  
captured, is announced. Further at-  
tacks by the Russians in the Jablonitz  
pass region, near Zable were repulsed.

French Official Statement.  
Paris, Aug. 24. (2:50 p. m.)—Regard-  
ing operations in front of Saloniki, the  
French war office today gave out this  
official announcement:

"The enemy is intrenching himself  
on the left bank of the river Struma  
and on both sides of the highways to  
Serres. Between the Struma and the  
upper valley of the Moglenia Angio-  
French forces have repulsed several  
attempts to recapture positions occu-  
pied by Anglo-French forces north of  
Palmas.

"Along the entire mountainous front  
west of the Moglenia Serbian troops  
are developing an offensive. On the  
extreme left they have reoccupied, as  
a result of a vigorous counter attack,  
Hill 1506, five kilometers (three miles)  
northwest of Ostrovo lake, which po-  
sition they left on Aug. 23.

London View of Situation.  
London, Aug. 24. (2:26 p. m.)—Nei-  
ther the Bulgarians nor the entente  
forces on the Macedonian front at-  
tempted vigorous offensive actions yester-  
day.

"There has been artillery activity  
on the Doiran front," says an official  
statement issued here today. "But no  
infantry action. On the Struma front  
our artillery dispersed Bulgarians  
who were intrenched on the left bank  
of the river. The enemy's artillery  
shelled Orlik bridge.

"The Serbians are on the same line  
as reported yesterday."

Next Move Up to Rumania.  
Berlin, Wednesday, Aug. 23. (via  
London, Aug. 24, 12:40 p. m.)—Gov-  
ernment circles here, though none too  
optimistic, view the Rumanian situa-  
tion calmly, taking the attitude that  
it is Rumania's next move. The feel-  
ing is that the central powers have  
done everything possible to meet Ru-  
mania's views and that Rumania, in  
persisting in the course desired by the  
entente and her own expansionist pol-  
icy, will find the central powers ready  
in which event it is to be expected  
every effort will be made to insure  
that the new war theatre is on Ru-  
manian soil.

Information from Vienna indicates  
that the Austro-Hungarian govern-  
ment, bearing in mind the results of  
the negotiations concerning Italy's  
claims before that nation entered the  
war, has been at no time disposed to  
offer Rumania similar concessions for  
fear that this again would be mistaken  
for a sign of weakness.

At this moment there is not discern-  
ible the slightest effort to persuade  
Rumania taking any other course than  
one due to her own initiative.